

## Games for the Kids

Wild weather can mean long delays and changed traffic conditions. Stop the tantrums before they start by playing these simple and easy car, rail, boat or transport games.

- 1 Colour Code** - Pick a colour for each sibling, and over the length of the journey see who can find the most vehicles in that colour. Whoever has the most cars in their colour by the end of the journey wins!
- 2 I Spy** - Always a classic. One person spies something and must say 'I spy with my little eye... something beginning with [the letter of the item they've discovered]'. Everyone takes turns trying to guess the mystery item. Whoever guesses correctly is then up.
- 3 Licence Plate Game** - Try to create sentences with licence plates you see. For example, 411OTR might be 'On the road.' Everyone gets a turn trying to make one up, the funny/sillier the better!
- 4 Tic Tac Toe** - For older children, you only need a piece of paper, pencil and two players for this classic game. Draw a grid by drawing a huge hash tag on the page. The first player writes down an X in one square. The second writes an O in another square. Continue taking turns until one player has three of their icon in a row either horizontally, diagonally or vertically.
- 5 Connect the Dots** - Using a sheet of paper again, draw a grid of dots at equal height and distance away from each other. Each person takes a turn to draw a line to connect two dots, vertically or horizontally, throughout the grid. Whoever closes a box with their last line, wins that box and gets to write their initial inside it. Once all the dots have been connected, the person with the most boxes wins.
- 6 Scissors, Paper, Rock** - Preferably a back seat game, two players face each other with their fists behind their back. Recite out loud 'Scissors, paper, rock...', and after 'rock' pull out your fists to reveal either two fingers for scissors, a closed fist for rock or a flat palm for paper. Scissors beats paper, rock beats scissors and paper beats rock. Play a knockout round with multiple people in the car.
- 7 Talk Travel** - Going round horizontally in the car, each person says a city, town or country, for example 'Emerald'. The next person then must say a city, town or country using the last letter in that word, for example 'Darwin'. Places cannot be repeated twice.
- 8 What Will I See at the Zoo?** - This memory game is great for older kids too. The first person in the car says the line, 'I'm going to the zoo and I'm going to see...' then adds an animal at the end. The second person must recite the line, the first person's animal, then add another animal at the end. The last player who can recite every item in order wins. Some alternative themes may include 'I'm going on a picnic, and I'm going to eat [food]' or 'I'm going on a plane, and I've packed my [item]'.

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